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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: CONSULTANT'S VIEW OF MASS TRANSIT

REF: A. MANILA 17646, B. STATE 267751

1. ROGER ALLPORT, AN ENGINEER FOR THE BRITISH CONSULTANTS, FREEMAN AND FOX, TOLD AN EMBASSY OFFICER NOVEMBER 12 THAT HE HAD BEEN ASSIGNED THE TASK OF COMPLETING A FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR THE PHILIPPINE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS ON LONG AND SHORT TERM SOLUTIONS FOR MANILA'S TRANSPORTATION PROBLEM. HE SAID THAT HIS INTERIM REPORT HAD BEEN COMPLETED AND THAT ITS CONTROLLING POINT IS THAT "BENEFITS TO MANILA WOULD HAVE TO BE VERY GREAT BEFORE IT WOULD MAKE ANY SENSE TO GO AHEAD WITH ANY TYPE OF MASS TRANSIT SYSTEM GIVEN THE MANY PROBLEMS THAT BUILDING SUCH A SYSTEM IN MANILA WOULD PRESENT" (SEE REF A.)

2. ALLPORT STATED FURTHER THAT IN HIS DEFINITIVE REPORT EARLY NEXT YEAR, HE WOULD RECOMMEND THAT ALL HIGH-COST RAPID TRANSIT SYSTEMS BE RULED OUT ENTIRELY. HE EMPHASIZED THAT METRO MANILA'S FINANCIAL PROBLEMS ARE JUST TOO GREAT FOR ONE TO THINK SERIOUSLY ABOUT SUBWAYS OR OVERHEAD PERSONNEL CARRIERS. HE SAID THAT HE FELT SURE THAT HIS RECOMMENDATIONS WOULD BE ACCEPTED IN 1977 AND THAT IN LIEU OF A RAPID TRANSIT SYSTEM, A RELATIVELY LOW-COST TRANSPORTATION PLAN INVOLVING THE PURCHASE OF MANY NEW BUSES WOULD EMERGE. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT U.S. BUS SUPPLIERS AND FINANCIAL  
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INSTITUTIONS NEED NOT BE ALERTED NOW, BECAUSE "THERE IS

NOTHING THEY CAN DO AT THIS TIME." SULLIVAN

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